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E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: "WEST AFRICA" ON JOURNALIST DETENTIONS

1. "WEST AFRICA" (LONDON) AUGUST 8 IS FIRST PUBLICATION  
TO BREAK NEWS OF JOURNALIST DETENTIONS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.  
NO NAMES MENTIONED. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ITEM.

2. QUOTE: CAE--JOURNALISTS ACCUSED OF SPYING. M. MICHEL  
GBEZERA-BRIA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ANNOUNCED IN

A BROADCAST THAT TWO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING  
ONE AMERICAN, HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH "ESPIONAGE AND  
ENDANGERING THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE STATE". THE  
NATIONALITY OF THE SECOND JOURNALIST WAS NOT STATED  
BUT THE TWO MEN WERE BROUGHT BEFORE EMPEROR BOKASSA I  
AT HIS COURT AT BERINGO, IN THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF  
THE GOVERNMENT, OF THE IMPERIAL COURT AND OF DIPLOMATS.  
THE MINISTER ADDED THAT THE TWO JOURNALISTS WOULD BE  
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DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO CENTRAL AFRICAN LAW.  
END QUOTE.  
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